

**Amendments to the Abstract**

**Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract.**

An operating element  $[[10]]$  with a settable operating characteristic for generating numerical control values  $A$  converts position signals  $P$  corresponding to the position of a linear sensor element  $[[11]]$  into control values  $A$  using an assignment characteristic curve. Different assignment characteristic curves can be selected by means of a control quantity  $K$ . An arrangement for processing video or audio signals processes input signals  $S_{in}$  in accordance with a function  $S_{out}(A, S_{in})$ . The numerical control values  $A$  are fed by means of an operating element  $[[10]]$  to the arrangement for processing video or audio signals.